The UNM FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Advisory Committee met on April 20, 2009 at the UNM Roberts Room, Scholes Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to provide committee with the ranked natural hazards as provided by departments, identify critical facilities, discuss assets and the potential loss from natural disasters and discuss the PDM website and current advertising.

Deborah Kuidis opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. welcoming the committee membership. The meeting was facilitated by Brian Fields, President & CEO B-Sting Ventures, LLC. Mr. Fields identified the three handouts to the committee: 1) meeting agenda, 2) hazard profile spreadsheet and 3) overview of findings and listing of critical and historical facilities.

Mr. Fields explained the hazard spread sheet. The ranking on the spreadsheet were based on responses from 122 UNM departments. Rankings were based on the following scale:

- High Hazards have an average score over 1.00,
- Medium Hazards are from 0.65-0.99, and
- Low Hazards are up to 0.64.

Departments that did not provide a response were highlighted in green. Committee members were asked to review the list and provide input / feedback. During the discussion committee members identified additional departments that were not on the list. Those departments included the Golf Courses, Business Center, Mesa Vista Hall, Cancer Center, Psychiatric Buildings, and Carrie Tingly. At the Advisory Committee’s request, Deborah Kuidis collected those departments and their point of contact and will send an email requesting a hazard assessment for the mitigation plan.

Mike Tuttle, Risk Manager, will provide additional data and a meeting has been set up for 24 April, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in Deborah Kuidis’ office.

Mary Kenney and Jeff Smith, Planning & Campus Development (PCD), provided input on a study (Historical Society Getty Grant) that was conducted back in 2007. This study and other data elements identified during the meeting will be provided by PCD. Deborah Kuidis and Brian Fields have scheduled a meeting on April 29 to obtain this information.

Judy Pointer asked the committee how can UNM obtain funding from FEMA and what can this funding support? Ms. Pointer expressed that her department experiences many power interruptions and wanted to know if this effort would be a way to fix this problem. Mr. Fields outlined how funding can be obtained. First, the problem has to be contributed by a natural hazard. If damage occurs from a natural hazard, UNM can seek funding to help repair those damages. Second, part of the PDM development is to
identify mitigation actions. One example of a mitigation action could be a facility that continually floods during heavy rains. That action to fix this might be developing a drainage system around the building to move rain away from the building, thus eliminating the flood. Having identified this as a mitigation action, UNM would be eligible to seek funding. Byron Piatt, UNM Emergency Manager, also stated that having the PDM plan approved by FEMA also opens the doors to other grant opportunities. Without the PDM plan, UNM will not be eligible for other grant opportunities offered by FEMA.

Laura Banks asked the committee if leased buildings are being included in this PDM. Roger Tannen, Bernalillo County Emergency Manager, suggested to the committee that this data be included. Stated that in the event a leased building UNM stands to lose assets, cost of having to relocate, cost of putting classes on hold, as well as the possible human cost.

Mr. Fields discussed the current list of critical and historic buildings and expressed that the list continues to grow. Committee members reviewed and identified additional buildings. PCD will provide additional data on critical and historic buildings.

Bill Cobb, representative from the community, attended and provided valuable feedback to the committee. He stated that networking with neighborhood associations is very important in obtaining the neighborhood perspective. What happens on UNM has an effect on the surrounding community. He asked if the Advisory Committee could provide information on UNM’s mitigation effort. Deborah Kuidis offered up the opportunity to come out to the next community meeting to provide an overview of this effort and answer questions.

Shirley Baros provided an update on the UNM mitigation website. Asked the committee for comments and if they have any ideas for content to please provide her with that data. In addition to the website, Ms. Baros shared with the committee that UNM Today published an article on the PDM project.

Before closing the meeting it was agreed by the committee that April 30th would be the drop dead date for hazard assessment. Mr. Fields will finalize the hazards list and provide to Ms. Kuidis. The next step in the process is identifying mitigation actions based on the hazards identified. This will be the focus at the May Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Fields will put a list together to start the process moving forward.

The next PDM Advisory Committee:

**May Meeting: 18 May, 2009, 1 – 3 p.m. Roberts Room, Scholes Hall**

Meeting agendas and working materials will be provided prior to the meeting for preparation purposes.

The PDM Advisory Committee adjourned at: 2:45 p.m.